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In any kind of confused overseas event, initial reports are often wrong. But the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, in which four Americans were killed, including the ambassador, is a case study of how an administration can carefully keep the focus as long as possible on one storyline — and then turn on a dime when it is no longer tenable.

For political reasons, it certainly was in the White House's interests to not portray the attack as a terrorist incident, especially one that took place on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Instead the administration kept the focus on what was ultimately a red herring — anger in the Arab world over anti-Muslim video posted on YouTube. With key phrases and message discipline, the administration was able to conflate an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Egypt — which apparently was prompted by the video — with the deadly assault in Benghazi.

Officials were also able to dismiss pointed questions by referring to an ongoing investigation.

Ultimately, when the head of the National Counterterrorism Center was asked pointblank on Capitol Hill whether it was an act of terror — and he agreed — the administration talking points began to shift. (Tough news reporting — as well as statements by Libya's president — also played a role.) Yet President Obama

himself resisted using the “t” word, even as late as Tuesday, while keeping the focus on the video in his speech to the U.N. General Assembly.

On Wednesday, however, White House spokesman Jay Carney acknowledged also that Obama himself believes the attack was terrorism — and so more than two weeks after the attack the Rubicon finally was crossed.

As a reader service, we have compiled a comprehensive timeline of administration statements, showing the evolution in talking points, with key phrases highlighted in bold. Many readers sent suggestions for this timeline, for which we are deeply grateful.

We will leave it to readers to reach their own conclusions on whether this is merely the result of the fog of war and diplomacy — or a deliberate effort to steer the storyline away from more politically damaging questions. After all, in a competitive election, two weeks is a lifetime.

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— *Unnamed senior administration official, briefing reporters in a conference call, Sept. 12*

“I think it’s important to note with regards to that protest that there are protests taking place in different countries across the world **that are responding to the movie that has circulated on the Internet**. As Secretary Clinton said today, the United States government had nothing to do with this movie. We reject its message and its contents. We find it disgusting and reprehensible. America has a history of religious tolerance and respect for religious beliefs that goes back to our nation’s founding. We are stronger because we are the home to people of all religions, including millions of Muslims, and we reject the denigration of religion. We also believe that there is no justification at all for responding to this movie with violence.”

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Overnight Brief

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LIBYANS TAKE STEP TOWARD DISARMAMENT

(SBU) Hundreds of Libyans in Benghazi and Tripoli handed in weapons, including rocket launchers and a tank, at the first of several planned collection drives organized by the army, media report. Embassy Tripoli comments voluntary collections are the first step toward a needed long-term comprehensive disarmament, demobilization, and re-integration (DDR) program to successfully manage the militias. The military is the most organized national security force and the most capable of carrying out these efforts; tension between the military and the relatively weak Ministry of the Interior regarding control of the militia issue will continue to complicate any DDR programs the government undertakes. (Ops/Embassy Tripoli e-mail, Reuters)

TWO KILLED IN CLASH AT VENEZUELA CAMPAIGN EVENT

(SBU) Local opposition leaders were shot to death during a confrontation between supporters of opposition presidential candidate Henrique Capriles and President Chavez, media report. Embassy Caracas comments the shooting occurred in Chavez's home state of Barinas and is the most serious incident of political violence to date in advance of the October 7 national elections. Six people allegedly affiliated with Chavez's party were detained in connection with the shooting. Capriles' party issued a statement condemning the killings, reiterating its commitment to peace, and calling on Venezuelans to protest the violence by voting for Capriles. (Ops/Embassy Caracas telcon, AP)

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(SBU) The Standing Committee of Chongqing's Municipal People's Congress removed Bo from his post as deputy to the 11th National People's Congress, media report. Delegates to that body have immunity from arrest and prosecution. Embassy Beijing comments the move is a procedural step which removes a technical hurdle to prosecuting Bo; however, based on past precedent, the Chinese government might wait several months before putting him on trial. (Ops/Embassy Beijing telcon and e-mail, AP)

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WORLDWIDE PROTESTS UPDATE

- (SBU) Embassy Islamabad anticipates small protests September 28. Consulate Lahore expects six protests in the vicinity of the consulate, varying in size from 400-1500 people. Karachi police anticipate some protests; however, leaders of religious-political parties postponed a large rally. *(Ops/Embassy Islamabad e-mail)*
- (SBU) The government of Libya reports the possibility of demonstrations in Tripoli and Benghazi September 28. *(Tripoli 63)*
- (SBU) Consulate General Kolkata reports due to possible protests scheduled for September 28 the American Center will be closed. Embassy New Delhi reports there are no known plans for protests in other parts of India September 28. *(Ops/India desk e-mail, Ops/Consulate General Kolkata e-mail)*
- (SBU) Embassy Nouakchott expects demonstrations around the embassy as well as the Grand Mosque and Marche Capital areas September 28. *(Embassy Nouakchott Security Message)*

UN PREDICTS 700,000 SYRIANS TO FLEE BY YEAR-END

(SBU) UNHCR's latest estimate far surpasses its previous forecast of 185,000, media report. The Syria desk comments the increase represented a dramatic uptick in violence in highly populated areas, the growing sectarian nature of the conflict, and the perception hostilities will continue. The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration comments the UN has called for \$500 million from the international community to assist refugees. *(Ops/Syria desk e-mail, Ops/Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration e-mail, Reuters)*

KUWAIT'S PARLIAMENT TURNS TO THE EMIR IN POLITICAL STANDOFF

(SBU) Long-running political tensions between elected parliamentarians and the government might lead anew to parliament's dissolution and fresh elections, media report. The Kuwait desk comments that while the decision currently rests with the emir, he might request the reinstated 2009 parliament take action to try to resolve the impasse. *(Ops/Kuwait desk e-mail, Reuters)*

FRANCE WILL EXPEL THOSE THREATENING PUBLIC SECURITY

(SBU) Interior Minister Valls' remarks were directed at foreigners who claim to follow Islam but do not respect France's secular traditions, laws, and values, media report. The France desk comments Valls represents the center-right wing of the Socialist Party with an image of being tough on law and order issues. The statement reflects his views, but is consistent with French policy. *(Ops/France desk e-mail, AFP)*

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Susan Rice's problematic timeline

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Sept. 16, via Jake Tapper:

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice said the attack on the American consulate in Benghazi last week was not premeditated, directly contradicting top Libyan officials who say the attack was planned in advance.

"Our current best assessment, based on the information that we have at present, is that, in fact, what this began as, it was a spontaneous – not a premeditated – response to what had transpired in Cairo," Rice told me this morning on "This Week."

Sept. 28, via Eli Lake:

In the hours following the 9/11 anniversary attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, U.S. intelligence agencies monitored communications from jihadists affiliated with the group that led the attack and members of Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), the group's North African affiliate.

In the communications, members of Ansar al-Sharia (AAS) bragged about their successful attack against the American consulate and the U.S. ambassador, according to three U.S. intelligence officials who spoke to The Daily Beast anonymously because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

All of which has major ramifications in the battle for the next Sec. of State. Via Josh Rogin:

The two most discussed candidates to be America's next top diplomat now find themselves on opposite sides of the Libya issue, with U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice in the role of defending the administration's narrative and Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) promising tough congressional oversight while giving the State Department room to conduct its own investigation.

As the controversy over the administration's handling of the issue grows, Rice's comments on the Sept. 11 assault on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi are coming under increasing attack. ...

UPDATE (4:16 p.m.): Via Reuters:

The top U.S. intelligence authority issued an unusual public statement on Friday, declaring it now believed the September 11 attack on U.S. diplomatic facilities in Benghazi, Libya, was a "deliberate and organized terrorist attack."

The statement, by the office of Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, acknowledged that it represented a change in the U.S. intelligence assessment of how and why the attack happened. During the attack on two U.S. government compounds in the eastern Libyan city, four U.S. personnel, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens, were killed.

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Facing a barrage of Republican criticism about what the administration knew and when about the attack, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence issued a statement Friday that laid out how officials came to understand the assault that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. At the same time, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations issued a statement explaining her early descriptions of the attack.

In the days immediately after the attack, the administration said it believed it was a spontaneous reaction to an anti-Islamic video that ridiculed Islam's Prophet Muhammad and ignited mob protests on U.S. embassies around the Middle East and in North Africa. Now, the administration has begun to call it a terrorist attack carried out by al-Qaida-linked militants and explain that it was a planned attack distinct from the mob protests in the region.

Republicans have seized on the Obama administration's changing narrative, saying the administration was too slow to label it a terrorist attack because, they said, the White House did not want to admit its policies had failed to defeat al-Qaida, and quell anti-American sentiment in the Muslim world.

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Associated Press writers Matthew Lee and Pete Yost contributed to this report from Washington.

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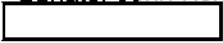
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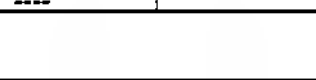
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BREAKING, on NYTimes.com -- "Arthur O. Sulzberger, Publisher Who Changed The Times, Dies at 86," by Clyde Haberman (7,600 words): "Arthur Ochs ['Punch'] Sulzberger, who guided The New York Times and its parent company through a long, sometimes turbulent period of expansion and change on a scale not seen since the newspaper's founding in 1851, died on Saturday at his home in Southampton, N.Y. He was 86. His death [came] after a long illness ... Sulzberger's tenure, as publisher of the newspaper and as chairman and chief executive of The New York Times Company, reached across 34 years, ... from the era of hot lead and Linotype machines to the birth of the digital world. ... Sulzberger's insistence on [an independent voice for The Times] was shown in his decision in 1971 to publish a secret government history of the Vietnam War known as the Pentagon Papers. It was a defining moment for him and, in the view of many journalists and historians, his finest. ..."

"Sulzberger reshaped The Times. In the mid-1970s, another financially difficult period in which he might have chosen to retrench, he expanded the paper to four sections from two, creating separate sections for metropolitan and business news and introducing new ones oriented toward consumers. They were a gamble, begun in the hope of attracting new readers, especially women, and advertisers. Some critics dismissed the feature sections as unworthy of a serious newspaper. But the sections — SportsMonday, Science Times, Living, Home and Weekend — were an instant success [and] widely imitated. Over the next two decades, a billion-dollar investment in new printing facilities made still more innovations possible, among them a national edition, special regional editions and the daily use of color photos and graphics. ...

"He generally kept his hands off the editorial page ... There were, to be sure, departures from this self-imposed restraint. A notable one came in 1976, when Mr. Sulzberger insisted that The Times endorse Daniel Patrick Moynihan over Bella S. Abzug in the New York Democratic primary election for United States senator. ... Once in a while he wrote brief letters to the editor using the name A. Sock, a wordplay on Punch. Mr. Sock was always as pleased as punch with puns. ... When he left as Times chairman in 1997, he remained convinced that newspapers — at least good newspapers — had a bright future. ... 'You're not buying news when you buy The New York Times,' Mr. Sulzberger said. 'You're buying judgment.'" <http://nyti.ms/TRLYAf>

--If you have a personal "Punch" Sulzberger memory, please send it to mallen@politico.com, and we'll share a few tomorrow.

SUNDAY BEST: N.J. Gov. Chris Christie is doing "Meet," "Week" and "Face," at request of Romney campaign. Paul Ryan does "Fox News Sunday." David Plouffe on "Meet and "Week" ... David Axelrod on CNN "State of the Union" ... Bob Woodward on "Face" roundtable.

THE MOMENT – MITT'S "LITTLE SECRET" -- Darren Samuelsohn in Wayne, Pa: "Mitt Romney declared Pennsylvania a battleground during a mid-morning rally ... 'I've got a little secret here and that is that the Obama campaign thinks that Pennsylvania is in their pocket. They don't need to worry about it,' Romney said during a visit to a military academy in the Philadelphia suburbs. 'And you're right and they're wrong. We're going to win Pennsylvania and we're going to take the White House.' That produced a headline atop this morning's Philly Inquirer, 'Romney rallies battleground: 'We're going to take Pennsylvania.'"

--Ron Brownstein punctured the balloon when he joined Wolf Blitzer in "The Situation Room": "Obama seems safely ahead in all of the polling. Pennsylvania is actually the kind of state that Mitt Romney's promise a year ago was that he was going to be able to put into play, the same way John McCain's promise was supposedly that. The reason why Pennsylvania has become so solidly Democratic -- they have won in each of the past five elections -- is largely because the suburbs outside Philadelphia -- white-collar, affluent voters, probably a little right of center economically, left of center social issues -- have moved decisively towards the Democrats. ... Romney was seen as a candidate who could appeal to those voters. But he's not really making many inroads there. As a result, Pennsylvania seems out of reach in any realistic scenario."

PREPPING FOR DEBATE PREP – N.Y. Times A1, "Before Debate, Tough Crowds at the Practice," by Peter Baker and Ashley Parker: "Obama's team records his practices to sharpen his responses so that they connect on a more visceral level with the television audience. One of Mr. Romney's aides calculated his words-per-minute rate in the primary campaign debates to break him of the habit of feeling that he needs to rattle off the most statistics. Mr. Romney's team has concluded that debates are about creating moments and has equipped him with a series of zingers that he has memorized and has been practicing on aides since August. His strategy includes luring the president into appearing smug or evasive about his responsibility for the economy. ... [Obama] Aides ... try to be 'as annoying as a White House correspondent,' as one put it. 'You want to push the button and see how he will react' ...

"David Plouffe, the president's senior adviser, watched debates back to Gerald R. Ford's against Jimmy Carter with the sound down to understand how a challenger's stature increases by sharing a stage with the president. ... When [Obama advisers] watched Mr. Romney's recent interview with '60 Minutes,' they noticed that his

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answers were succinct and well rehearsed, a sign of the hours he had invested. The president's advisers said they were less interested in one-liners and were focused instead on making Mr. Obama more accessible. 'He had a hard time getting every point across within the time limit,' Mr. Plouffe said of past debates. ... To prepare Mr. Romney, [Sen. Rob] Portman has played Mr. Obama combatively, attacking Mr. Romney as a rich man who does not care about average Americans." <http://nyti.ms/VYyXII>

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THE PRESIDENT'S WEEK AHEAD: "On Saturday, the President has no public events scheduled. On Sunday, the President will travel to Las Vegas ... In the evening, the President will deliver remarks at a campaign event at Desert Pines High School in Las Vegas ... The President will remain overnight in Henderson, Nevada. ... On Monday and Tuesday, the President will remain in Henderson [for debate camp] ... On Wednesday, the President will travel from Henderson, Nevada to Denver, Colorado where he will participate in the first Presidential Debate at the University of Denver. The First Lady will also attend. The President and the First Lady will remain overnight in Denver.

"On Thursday morning, the President will deliver remarks at a campaign event in Denver ... In the afternoon, the President will travel from Denver to Columbus, Ohio where he will deliver remarks at a campaign event. The President will return to Washington, DC in the evening. On Friday morning, the President will deliver remarks at a campaign event in Vienna, Virginia. In the afternoon, the President will travel to Cleveland, Ohio where he will deliver remarks at a campaign event before returning to Washington."

THE V.P.'S WEEK AHEAD: "At 11:40 AM on Saturday, the Vice President will deliver remarks at a campaign event at the Wa-Ke Hatchee Park Recreation Center in Ft. Myers ... On Sunday, the Vice President will be in Wilmington, Delaware. There are no public events scheduled. ... On Monday, the Vice President will join Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter to deliver remarks at the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Program Transition Ceremony at the Pentagon. ... On Tuesday, the Vice President will travel to Charlotte ... and Asheville ... to attend campaign events. ... On Thursday, the Vice President will travel to Iowa."

HOUSE RACES – THE AKIN EFFECT – Release from Dan Maffei campaign with Syracuse dateline: "New Advertisement Calls Attention to Congresswoman Buerkle's Record on Redefining Rape ... Democratic Congressional candidate Dan Maffei's [NY-24] campaign released its most recent advertisement today backed by a significant broadcast and cable television buy. The advertisement informs voters that Congresswoman Ann Marie Buerkle co-sponsored a bill with Congressman Todd Akin that would redefine the term rape to mean only 'forcible rape.'" See the ad, "Draw a Line" <http://bit.ly/St2nUz>

WHAT ADRENALINE CAN DO – "Conn. teacher kills masked teen, learns it was son," by AP's John Christoffersen in New Fairfield, Conn.: "[A] popular fifth-grade teacher shot and killed a knife-wielding prowler in a black ski mask, only to [be told a few hours later that] it was his 15-year-old son [adopted a few years ago]. No immediate charges were brought against the father, Jeffrey Giuliano, [whose] son, Tyler, ... was gunned down in his aunt's driveway next door ... State police said ... Jeffrey Giuliano got a call from his sister next door saying that someone might be trying to break into her home in their neighborhood of attractive colonial-style houses. Giuliano grabbed a handgun and went outside to investigate ... He confronted someone in a ski mask and opened fire when the person came at him with something shiny in his hand ... When police officers arrived, Tyler was lying dead in the driveway with a knife in his hand, and his father, in T-shirt and shorts, was sitting on the grass. ...

"Tyler was a student at New Fairfield High School and a Civil Air Patrol cadet. Some of those who knew him said he enjoyed spending time with his family and flying gliders and small planes. ... Brett Rasile, a 14-year-old friend, said he and Tyler were playing an online game called Minecraft while talking and laughing

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together via Skype until about 10 p.m. Wednesday, when Tyler said he had to go to bed. [Happened 1 a.m. Thursday.] ... [The dad] grew up in the town, holds summer music and zoology camps for his students and plays guitar in a local rock band that raises money for charity. He is known as 'Mr. G' around Meeting House Hill School."

MEDIAWATCH – WashPost Ombudsman Patrick B. Pexton in Sunday's paper, "News or opinion?": "[T]he e-mail I receive from people who identify themselves as Republicans and conservatives, and even from some independents and Democrats, ... say The Post is too easy on Obama. ... One aspect of The Post that particularly irks conservatives is the columnists who appear in print and online in news positions (as opposed to those on the editorial and op-ed pages and the online Opinions section). With the exception of Dan Balz and Chris Cillizza, who cover politics in a nonpartisan way, the news columnists almost to a person write from left of center. Ezra Klein of Wonkblog comes out of the Democratic left, fills in for Rachel Maddow and Ed Schultz on MSNBC and sometimes appears in the printed Post on the front page.

"Steven Pearlstein, who covers business and also appears occasionally on the front page; Walter Pincus on national security; Lisa Miller of the On Faith blog; Melinda Henneberger of She the People; Valerie Strauss, the education blogger; plus the three main local columnists — Robert McCartney, Petula Dvorak and Courtland Milloy — all generally write from a progressive perspective, readers say. (So does Dana Milbank, who works for the Opinions section but writes a column that appears on Page A2 twice a week.) ...

"Marcus Brauchli, The Post's executive editor, said conservative readers may perceive that recent coverage of Romney is too tough because they've missed a lot of the coverage of Obama in the past four years. ... 'We cover politics in an even-handed way, and Dan Balz, Chris Cillizza, Karen Tumulty, Glenn Kessler and our other reporters do a terrific job of delivering the news without slant. Between the columnists on the editorial page and the commentators on the news pages, I believe The Post offers readers a balanced perspective.' ... The Post should first be about news without slant. If The Post wants to wrap its news in commentary, fine, but shouldn't some of those voices then be conservative?" <http://wapo.st/SVzocx>

WELCOME TO THE WORLD: Tiffany Waddell, the RNC's national PAC director, and her husband, Alex, welcomed daughter Savannah Joy Waddell on Tuesday: "Savannah blessed our family at 11:09 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 21 in. We appreciate all of your kind thoughts and prayers and look forward to introducing you to the newest addition to the Republican Party."

BIRTHDAYS: DCCC political director Kelly Ward, spending her day in race reviews (hat tip: Jesse Ferguson) ... CNN's Lucy Spiegel, celebrating with steaks and sizzle on the Eastern Shore (h/t Michelle Jaconi) ... Gwen Ifill ... David Nather (hat tips: Joanne Kenen, LaRonda Peterson) ... Destination DC's Katie Wilmeth ... HuffPo blogger Elizabeth Tannen ... Pittsburgh Tribune-Review's Salena Zito ... PEOPLE's Sandra Sobieraj Westfall ... Chronicle of Higher Ed's Karin E. Fischer (hat tips: Patrick Gavin) ... Joanna Acocella, Senior V.P. of Federal Affairs for the Apollo Group ... Burger King Corp.'s Keri Ann Mesler (hat tip: Anna Palmer) ... Lee Lilley, a vice president of Federal Public Affairs with McGuireWoods Consulting, formerly the legislative director to Rep. G.K. Butterfield (h/t David Gura) ... former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi is 76 ... Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) is 70 ... Lech Walesa is 69 ... Bryant Gumbel is 64 (h/ts AP)

BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday): Dave Davis, senior adviser to Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

THE SHOWS, from @MattMackowiak:

--NBC's "Meet the Press": Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ); White House senior adviser David Plouffe; roundtable with Faith and Freedom Coalition founder Ralph Reed, former Gov. Ed Rendell (D-PA), BBC's Katty Kay and NBC News' Chuck Todd

--ABC's "The Week": Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ); White House senior adviser David Plouffe; roundtable with former RNC Chairman and former Gov. Haley Barbour (R-MS), former DNC Chair and former Gov. Howard

Dean (D-VT), Democratic strategist Donna Brazile, political strategist Matthew Dowd and Politico's Maggie Haberman

--CBS's **"Face the Nation"**: Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ); former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-GA); roundtable with Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), the University of Virginia's Larry Sabato and The Daily Beast's Bob Shrout; roundtable with Gingrich, StudentsFirst founder and CEO Michelle Rhee, author Hedrick Smith ("Who Stole the American Dream?"), author and The Washington Post's Bob Woodward ("The Price of Politics") and Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi

--"Fox News Sunday": Republican vice presidential nominee Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI); roundtable with The Weekly Standard's Bill Kristol, The Christian Science Monitor's Liz Marlanes, nationally syndicated radio host Laura Ingraham and Fox News' Juan Williams

--CNN's **"State of the Union"** (SUN 9-10 a.m., repeating at noon): Sen. John McCain (R-AZ); Obama campaign senior strategist David Axelrod; Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) and DGA Chairman Gov. Martin O'Malley (D-MD); roundtable with CNN's Dana Bash, Republican consultant Alex Castellanos and Democratic strategist Celinda Lake

--CNN's **"Fareed Zakaria GPS Live"**: (SUN 10am ET / 1pm ET): Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad; Bain Capital managing partner and co-owner of the Boston Celtics Stephen Pagliuca

--NBC's **"The Chris Matthews Show"**: Roundtable with New York Magazine's John Heilemann, Huffington Post's Howard Fineman, NBC News' Kelly O'Donnell and Bloomberg's Trish Regan

--Univision's **"Al Punto"** (SUN 10am ET): Guatemalan president Otto Pérez Molina; Colombian president Juan Manuel Santos; Romney campaign surrogate Adolfo Franco and Obama campaign surrogate Freddy Balseira; Univision Investigative Unit's Gerardo Reyes and María Antonieta Collins; U.S. Olympic Medalist Leo Manzano

--Bloomberg's **"Political Capital"** with Al Hunt (SUN 8am ET / 1pm ET): Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN)

--Bloomberg's **"Capitol Gains"** (WUSA9 SUN 11:30am ET / Bloomberg TV SUN 12pm ET / 5pm ET): Former CIA Director and Chertoff Group principal General Michael Hayden (Ret.); Bloomberg Government's Cady North and Nela Richardson; profile of former FAA Administrator and Aerospace Industries Association president and CEO Marion Blakey

--ABC7's **"Inside Washington"**: (SAT 7pm ET on NewsChannel 8 / SUN 9am ET on ABC7 WJLA): Roundtable with syndicated columnist Mark Shields, NPR's Nina Totenberg, co-author and Evan Thomas ("Ike's Bluff: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World") and syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer

--MSNBC's **"Up with Chris Hayes"** (SUN 8-10am ET): Alliance for Justice president Nan Aron; Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law president and executive director Barbara Arnwine; author and Yale Law School's Akhil Amar ("America's Constitution: A Biography"); author and The New Yorker's Jeffrey Toobin ("The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court")

--MSNBC's **"Melissa Harris-Perry"** (SUN 10am-12pm ET): Democratic strategist Jamal Simmons; former South Carolina Republican Party chairman Katon Dawson; NBC Latino contributor Victoria DeFrancesco Soto; Washington Post columnist Jonathan Capehart; Digital Royalty founder and CEO Amy Jo Martin; Fair Girls executive director and co-founder; survivor of human trafficking Asia Graves

--TV One's **"Washington Watch with Roland Martin"**: (SUN 9am ET): Former Secretary of State Gen. Colin Powell (Ret.); OWN host of "Iyanla, Fix My Life" Iyanla Vanzant; Sojourners CEO Jim Wallis; Center for American Progress senior fellow Sam Fulwood and NAACP senior director of economics Dedrick

Muhammad; roundtable with Miami Herald columnist Leonard Pitts, Jr., former DNC communications director and MSNBC contributor Karen Finney, TheGrio.com contributor Sophia Nelson and Georgetown University's Chris Meltzer

--PBS's **"To the Contrary"**: Roundtable with Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Public Notice executive director Gretchen Hamel, progressive commentator Patricia Sosa and conservative commentator Darlene Kennedy

--SiriusXM's **"Polioptics" with Josh King** (SUN 12pm ET / 6 pm ET): James Bennet, editor-in-chief of The Atlantic, on who pays for campaigns and "The New Price of American Politics," his cover story for the October issue. And Ambassador Capricia Marshall, U.S. Chief of Protocol, on helping world leaders navigate the streets of New York during the U.N. General Assembly and the State Department's new program, the Diplomatic Culinary Partnership. Special guest, Peter Betz, member of State's American Chef Corps and executive sous-chef of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. On SiriusXM's P.O.T.U.S. Ch. 124, also available for download on iTunes and at <http://www.polioptics.com>

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-- WP Security at site where ambassador died 'lax' despite string of attacks -- POTUS flying
to Vegas for debate camp -- Todd S. Purdum tribute to A. O. Sulzberger

TOP STORY -- WashPost., 1-col. lead, "Security at Libya outpost faulted: THREAT TO U.S. UNDERESTIMATED -- Slain envoy held hopes for power of diplomacy" (online hed: "[S]ecurity was lax before attack that killed U.S. ambassador"), by Ernesto Londoño (no dateline) and Abigail Hauslohner (in Benghazi): "U.S. officials appear to have underestimated the threat facing both the ambassador and other Americans [in Benghazi]. They had not reinforced the U.S. diplomatic outpost there to meet strict safety standards for government buildings overseas. Nor had they posted a U.S. Marine detachment, as at other diplomatic sites in high-threat regions. A U.S. military team assigned to establish security at the new embassy in Tripoli, in a previously undisclosed detail, was never instructed to fortify the temporary hub in the east. Instead, a small local guard force was hired by a British private security firm ...

"The two U.S. compounds where [Ambassador Chris] Stevens and three other Americans were killed in a sustained, brutal attack the night of Sept. 11, proved to be strikingly vulnerable targets in an era of barricaded embassies and multibillion-dollar security contracts for U.S. diplomatic facilities in conflict zones ... Instead of signing a costly security contract similar to those the government has for facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan, the State Department this summer awarded a contract to Blue Mountain, a small British security firm, to provide local guards ... Security in eastern Libya deteriorated sharply in recent months. A string of attacks, some linked to fundamentalist groups, made clear that Westerners were no longer safe." <http://wapo.st/TVf3us>

--BREAKING -- "US military deaths in Afghanistan hit 2,000 after 11 years of war" -- AP/Kabul: "U.S. military deaths in the Afghan war have reached 2,000, a cold reminder of the human cost of an 11-year-old conflict that now garners little public interest at home as the United States prepares to withdraw most of its combat forces by the end of 2014. The toll has climbed steadily in recent months with a spate of attacks by Afghan army and police - supposed allies - against American and NATO troops. ...

"According to the Afghanistan index kept by the Washington-based research center Brookings Institution, about 40 percent of the American deaths were caused by improvised explosive devices. The majority of those were after 2009, when President Obama ordered a surge that sent in 33,000 additional troops to combat heightened Taliban activity. The surge brought the total number of American troops to 101,000, the peak for the entire war."

--NBC release: "NBC News devotes wide-scale coverage to turmoil in Middle East and Afghanistan ... with ... special editions of 'NBC Nightly News' [today and tomorrow.] 'With this sweeping coverage, NBC will provide a panoramic view of the Middle East and Afghanistan at a critical moment,' said Steve Capus, president of NBC News. ... Top anchors and correspondents -- including Ann Curry [on the Syrian border], Lester Holt [Afghanistan], Richard Engel [Afghanistan], Ayman Mohyeldin [Cairo], Ali Arouzi [Tehran], and Martin Fletcher [Tel Aviv] -- are deployed ... to deliver ... insight and analysis about the realities on the ground and the magnitude of the hostilities there, as well as the state of U.S. military operations."

POLITICAL SCIENTISTS GIVE HOPE TO ROMNEY -- WashPost A2, Dan Balz "The Sunday Take" column: "13 projections are contained in the new issue of PS: Political Science and Politics, ... published by the American Political Science Association. Eight of them project that Obama will win the popular vote; five say the popular vote will go to Romney ... Three models attempt to project Electoral College results rather than the popular vote. One projects Obama with 213 electoral votes, another with 324 electoral votes (but allows that

Romney could win) and a third with 301 votes." *Dan says one of the projections was made 299 days before the election, which would be between the N.H. and S.C. primaries!* <http://wapo.st/V14vcO>

SWING STATE SUNDAY – Tampa Bay Times p. 1A, with 3-col. Romney pic, **"OHIO'S GAINS RAISE BAR FOR ROMNEY: In the Buckeye State, the auto rescue and a 7.2% jobless rate have the Republicans scrambling to make up ground,"** by Times Political Editor Adam C. Smith, in Columbus: "A year ago, nobody would have predicted that Ohio — a state no Republican has won the presidency without — would be slipping away from the GOP nominee at this point in the race. This is a state, after all, loaded with working-class white voters — the demographic supposedly toughest for President Barack Obama to crack. This is where Hillary Clinton trounced Obama in the 2008 primary, where many pundits saw Obama's embrace of gay marriage as deadly with a large block of socially conservative voters, and where a sizable chunk of the state is Appalachian mining country and hostile to Obama." <http://bit.ly/P3FDzt>

GROUNDHOG DAY: LATimes.com, top of homepage, "Struggling Romney makes a new effort to connect"

WHAT WE'RE READING: Peter F. Gwin, National Geographic staff writer and Furman University graduate, has an article, "The Telltale Scribes of Timbuktu," in "Best American Travel Writing 2012": "The mosaic of Timbuktu [the ancient caravan city in Mali, in western Africa] that emerges from ... manuscripts depicts an entrepôt made immensely wealthy by its position at the intersection of two critical trade arteries—the Saharan caravan routes and the Niger River. ... As its wealth grew, the city erected grand mosques, attracting scholars who ... formed academies and imported books from throughout the Islamic world. As a result, fragments of the Arabian Nights, Moorish love poetry, and Koranic commentaries from Mecca mingled with narratives of court intrigues and military adventures of mighty African kingdoms."

Editor William T. Vollmann describes Peter's essay as "carefully drawn, rich on anecdotes and observations, complete with romance (of a sad sort) and danger, and set in a locale that we might now call Orthodox Exotic." \$10.17 on Amazon <http://amzn.to/QCfqHe>

THE NARRATIVE:

--Boston Globe A1, "To win, Romney must alter course of race drastically," by Matt Viser: "Romney's political director, Rich Beeson, ... cites the struggles the campaign had after losing the South Carolina primary handily to Newt Gingrich, only to come back and win Florida 10 days later. Beeson said the Romney campaign would spend the final weeks hammering away ... at the question, 'Can we afford four more years of Barack Obama?'" *Behind pay wall*

--L.A. Times A1, "Romney coming up short with undecided," by David Lauter: "Listening to [voters who had told The Times in mid-Aug. that they were considering voting for Romney] ... illustrates the magnitude of the task that lies before Romney." *Not online yet*

--WashPost A1, **"ROMNEY'S MONEY TRAP: A frugal man who saw wealth as a path to public service is now paying the price with voters,"** by Ann Gerhart and Philip Rucker, "His oldest son, Tagg, offered one explanation for his father's reticence in an interview Friday. 'He was taught that when you do good things, you don't brag about them.' ... [T]he persistent focus on his riches has taken a deep toll on his image, a battery of recent polls suggest. ... Americans have elected many rich elites as president, starting with George Washington. But Romney's wealth ... is inextricably bound up with two cultures that are mysterious and misunderstood by many people: high finance and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. ... One day he says he won't apologize for his success; another day he jokes before a roomful of donors [on the Mother Jones video] that he's 'poor as a church mouse.'"

"In one year, he and his wife, Ann, gave away far more money — \$4.2 million — than most Americans will earn in a lifetime ... But he has resisted calls to release more tax returns, citing a wish to keep his charitable contributions private as one reason. 'It's a very personal thing between ourselves and our commitment to our

God and to our church,' he told Parade magazine. ... 'I think he genuinely is a modest person. That explains some awkwardness or apparent unease in dealing with it,' said Mark DeMoss, a senior adviser and prominent evangelical leader within the GOP." <http://wapo.st/OwYXFz>

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REMEMBERING ARTHUR OCHS "PUNCH" SULZBERGER, "Publisher Who Transformed The Times for New Era" (per the headline atop his 7,700-word obit, which gets one-third of A1 and three strip pages inside):

--N.Y. Times Publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger Jr. emailed the company yesterday morning: "It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, my father, passed away last night. Punch, as everyone knew him, brilliantly led The New York Times Company for over three decades -- as chairman and CEO of the Times Company and as publisher of The New York Times. ... Punch will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends, but we can take some comfort in the fact that his legacy and his abiding belief in the value of quality news and information will always be with us. For that and so much more, we and future generations of Times Company men and women will always be grateful. Arthur"

--Statement by President Obama: "Michelle and I were saddened today to hear about the passing of Arthur Sulzberger. Over the course of more than 30 years, Arthur helped transform the New York Times and secure its status as one of the most successful and respected newspapers in the world. He was a firm believer in the importance of a free and independent press -- one that isn't afraid to seek the truth, hold those in power accountable, and tell the stories that need to be told. Arthur's legacy lives on in the newspaper he loved and the journalists he inspired. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family."

--Andrew Rosenthal, Editorial Page Editor, "EDITORIAL: APPRECIATIONS -- Mr. Sulzberger, Publisher and Projectionist": "Many Times journalists grew up professionally under Punch's leadership. For me it was literal. My father, A.M. Rosenthal, edited The Times for nearly 20 years and worked at the paper for many more. My first memories of Punch are from when I was 7 ... He was a mythic figure in our house -- the man who defied the orders of the White House and the threat of jail to publish the Pentagon Papers ... And that was hardly the only crisis, journalistic and financial, through which he protected and steered The Times. My father was not prone to worship, but he worshiped Arthur Sulzberger. Some of my sweetest memories of him were the weekends when we visited his family's estate, Hillandale, in Connecticut. ... [M]ost fondly, I remember the nights when Punch would screen a film in his small theater." <http://nyti.ms/PP7QHI>

PLAYBOOK READERS PAY TRIBUTE TO PUNCH SULZBERGER:

--Todd S. Purdum, Vanity Fair national editor, who spent 23 years at The Times, where he started as a copyboy in 1982 and rose to White House correspondent and L.A. bureau chief: "As noted in Clyde Haberman's wonderful obituary, Punch was a former Marine, and -- in his personal dress and demeanor -- exceedingly neat and squared away. He came to the old third floor newsroom on 43d Street each afternoon for the Page One meeting, ramrod straight as he walked the whole length of the room to the 44th Street wall, where the executive offices then were. And each day, he'd have to pass the truly wretched detritus of a busy workplace: papers piled high, food remnants left on desks, coats draped on filing cabinets and -- in the old days -- ashtrays overflowing.

"The scene grated on him, and every so often a directive would come to us from the editors: Please hang coats in lockers, please clear unneeded papers off desks. I don't think anything ever improved, but he never stopped trying. On Sundays, when he'd be coming back from the country and the city was enduring one parade or another, he'd sometimes call the news desk for updates on traffic restrictions near his apartment on Upper Fifth

Avenue. Always extremely polite and soft-spoken, even to a lowly news clerk. I first laid eyes on him 30 years ago this fall, and can't believe an era has ended."

--**Carl Lavin, CNN.com lead homepage editor, formerly a National editor at The Times:** "In the 80s, I watched Punch's long, silent walk from elevator bank to the Page 1 conference room and knew that I had joined a company where nothing would interfere with editorial integrity. He seldom said much as editors discussed the next day's paper. His presence, and his history of standing up for core journalistic values, gave everyone in the newsroom a precious gift -- the opportunity to concentrate on the paper's mission, without fear or favor. ... Anyone who has ever had a different kind of person in the publisher's office has an even deeper appreciation for what Arthur did for journalism. ... Punch did not have to make lengthy pronouncements, but was a man of few words and firm convictions."

--**Matthew V. Storin, chief communications executive, University of Notre Dame, former Editor of The Boston Globe:** "When The New York Times Co. purchased The Boston Globe in 1993, I was the Globe's editor. It was a stressful time for Globe folks, but Punch personally worked to make it a more comfortable transition. He was warm and accessible, inviting me to lunch on occasion, and I know he also maintained a close personal relationship with our publisher, Bill Taylor. **I asked him if Globe stories might occasionally be picked up in The International Herald Tribune and almost instantly he made it happen.** At that point in his distinguished career -- he had been publisher of the Times for 30 years -- he could have been forgiven for a more detached and distant attitude, but that was far from the case."

--**PLAYBOOK FACTS OF LIFE:** Matt Storin's 20-years-on memory about Globe stories in the IHT reminds us of one of our favorite rules for living: **It's the little things that count!**

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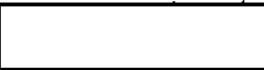
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Clinton and Reines in China in 2010. Source: farm5.staticflickr.com

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The full exchange (with one typo fixed) is below.

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Talk about bullshit - answer me this: Do you only traffic in lies, or are you on the ground floor of creating them?

And since Fuck Off wasn't clear enough, I'm done with you. Inside of 5 minutes when I can log into my desktop, you'll be designated as Junk Mail.

Have a good life Michael.

From: Michael Hastings Date: Sun, Sep 23, 2012 at 1:50 PM Subject: Re: Request for comment To: "Reines, Philippe I" Cc: "Nuland, Victoria J"

I'll take that as a non-denial denial.

All the best,
Michael

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January 10, 2016

James B. Comey
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
604 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20035

FROM:

Initialed on each page:

Subject: This Statement of [REDACTED] REF: Evidence about Private Emails
Used to Transmit Classified US Government National Security Information and the Lies
Told by Hilary Clinton and Others in an Attempt to Conceal Her Breach of National
Security

PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO PAGE THREE TO READ KEY EVIDENCE WHICH THE
FBI MAY NOT YET HAVE UNCOVERED

The purpose of this letter to you as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is to provide evidence, which should lead to the conviction of former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton for lying to a Congressional House Committee investigating the situation surrounding what happened September 11, 2011. She told the committee and had repeatedly told the American people that the information in her emails and on her email system was not classified at the time it was put into her email system. After watching on television her constantly stressing to the American potential voters that that the classified information found on her email system was only to be determined to be classified long after the fact that it been placed in her private email system, I carefully watched her testimony to the Congressional Committee. I watched her tell the lie in her testimony.

Additionally this letter should provide evidence of criminal actions by Hilary Clinton and her personal and official staff, including some, who were also acting while under the pay of other persons and organizations such as the Clinton Foundation and its partners, in this crime against United States National Security. This evidence should also be used to convict those senior, major and minor employees of the United States directly involved in knowingly permitting or assisting and attempting to delay or block the Federal Investigation of this crime. Employees of the United States Government made a choice whether to be accomplices in these various criminal acts. The defense of "I was only following orders of my governmental superiors" does not work for these government employees unless they were actually enlisted employees of the US military. Only enlisted members of the US military took an oath "to the President of the United States and officers appointed over me." All military officers and civilian employees took their personal Oath to the Constitution and that oath does not mention obeying the

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orders of the President nor does it mention following the orders of officers appointed over them. It is unlawful to order employees to not comply with the laws and regulations to protect national security. It is unlawful to impede a federal investigation and no employee may legally order another employee to participate in an unlawful activity. I personally know many of the highest ranking officials that were clearly involved with knowing of, permitting/allowing, ordering activities, and concealing/covering up these criminal acts on the behalf of Hilary Clinton. Many of these officials, in the past, individually earned, through deed and word, my professional and personal respect; so providing you this evidence is not done without personal sorrow for both my friends and for the Department of State and the US military, which I have been so honored to serve. Only a vigorous prosecution of Hilary Clinton and other employees involved with these crimes might prevent the repeat of unelected employees from putting the National Security of the United States at risk. As to their individual motives for being participants in criminal acts, I cannot speak; although possible reasons might be individual ambition, respect for high office/personal loyalty, belief in a cause or membership to a group such as a political party. For some it might have been a mix of more than one.

The evidence I am providing, along with what you have already acquired, should lead to convictions for the many people involved. Our President has the right to pardon federal crimes if he or she, in the future, so chooses, but America needs its Attorney General to show us that no employee of the United States Government is above its system of law and justice. What makes us unique is Our Constitution and that is why Congress passed a law specifying the exact words to be used in the oath. There are legal mechanisms by which the Constitution can be changed, but no employee individually has the power to lawfully ignore their obligation to support it.

Military Officers and USG Civilians in their Oaths swear allegiance to the Constitution unlike the military enlisted persons' oaths which are sworn to the President and officers appointed over them. This statement concerns actions taken by the former Secretary of State and US Government employees who were involved in her placing the National Security of the United States in jeopardy to its enemies both foreign and domestic. This statement will make a difference to Our Country when the leaders and employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice, and the Attorney General show they share my belief in the Oath, which we each have individually taken to the Constitution.

During the time that Hilary Rodham Clinton served as Secretary of State, the Department of State (DOS) produced a daily document classified at the Secret level for consumption within DOS and other USG agencies. This document was produced within the Office of the Secretary so that all organizations with access to the DOS classified internet system could read summaries of exactly what issues were briefed personally to the Secretary of State that day. Each of these daily classified documents began each paragraph with the actual classification of the information contained in the paragraph. An investigation that compares the emails found on the private server or emails used by the Secretary will show the actual classification any text which appears to be both in the Hilary emails and in the daily classified document produced by her official office within

the Secretariat. I have personally read those classified DOS daily briefing documents while Secretary Clinton was in office.

I was not aware of the private email server and the private emails used by the Secretary to communicate officially and privately with foreign and domestic officials, family friends staff, and private individuals seeking to influence the actions of Hilary Clinton in her official role as Secretary of State. Secretary Clinton, her staff (past and present) and her political supporters on her behalf have been announcing that the information in these documents were classified only after the public discovery of these private emails and the private server(s). Upon learning of this situation and listening to her saying that the information in these emails were not classified at the time they were written, I make reference to the above paragraph about the daily classified document summarizing issues presented to her on a daily basis. A comparison of information in those daily summaries with the text discovered to be in the private emails and on the private server will show a clear proof as to when information, found therein, was known to be classified.

A key piece of evidence, of who knew what was classified and when, is contained in this paragraph. This evidence will also serve as proof to show that key US Government officials within the DOS, White House and other agencies were specifically aware of the private system and that it was being used to transmit classified information known to be classified when it was being sent. On June 28, 2009 the Honduran Supreme Court instructed that President Zelaya be removed from office and the Honduran legislature selected Roberto Micheletti to take over as executive of the Honduran government. I carefully followed the reporting and news of these events as an authorized user on classified and unclassified computer systems belonging to the US Government while working for [redacted] supporting the activities of [redacted]

[redacted] located in [redacted] Since I am avoiding any classified information in this statement, I will not expand on this issue further in this letter. I am prepared to discuss this issue in much greater depth in a properly secured location and with those agents having certain TS/SCI clearances and an FBI letter showing need to know. I want to make sure, in my efforts to assist with providing evidence, that none of my actions violate national security. I would encourage the FBI and DOJ to subpoena the DOS, DOD, CIA and White House to provide copies of all the daily secret documents summarizing of the Secretary's briefings and all cables and documents dealing with what became known as the coup in Honduras. I personally read in these documents the DOS description of the issue and possible solutions. One of these documents which I read stated the Secretary will be directly sending a private communication (email?) to the American Ambassador in Honduras with her personal instructions to him which would go beyond the scope of classified instruction DOS was giving US Embassy Tegucigalpa. At that point in 2009 I thought I possessed full access to everything in the DOS system and when I was unable to locate this communication I could not figure out why. Upon learning of the private email system and private server, I instantly realized the reason for my lack of success in finding her specific instructions to the ambassador.

This document directly provides proof that the senior DOS leaders and other agencies such as the White House had full knowledge of this private email system and its use for classified communications between the Secretary of State, her staff, and American Ambassadors. This is a specifically dated document and will still exist in the files of the DOS, which was the originator of these documents, and in the files of the addressees of these documents. Please bring in former Ambassador Llorens for direct questioning by agents authorized access to TS/SCI.

Finding this particular document should be relatively simple now that you have been made aware of its existence and been shown where to look for it. Possessing it is critical to finally getting the full and rapid cooperation from key leaders in the DOS and the White House. The FBI should have been made aware that these documents exist and the fact that they can be compared with the corresponding information in the private email systems used by Secretary Clinton's Staffs, both official and private.

Early in my foreign service career one of my mentors stressed that when I was working for ambassadors that I should always avoid letting them have a poison gift, which he described as failing to advise them each time one of their requests for action must be denied because would be unlawful to permit or contrary to regulations. He included in this list; my having to warn some ambassadors of some activities which might make the Department of State look bad in the American press. Some people appointed to high positions viewed themselves as above rules and laws required of the other employees within the US Government. The Under Secretary for Management for DOS and his chiefs of security and information systems should have been able to prevent Secretary Clinton from being able to create and use this private server for classified information. I have no doubt in the FBI's and DOJ's ability to use the information in this statement to bring successful prosecutions against those who thought they or their bosses were above the law. Proper recognition must be made to the great courage that will be required by those reading this statement to see that Justice prevails in this critical situation for the future of Our Country.

I have worked closely with the DOJ and FBI for many years during my nearly [redacted] serving in the military and DOS. I am attaching a CV and my official efficiency report as [redacted]



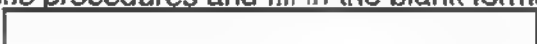
[redacted] I have included my suggestions based on my time working in key positions within the Department of State especially during times of crisis. During my time of [redacted] [redacted] would draft the document for signature for the Under Secretary for Management to formally make the DOS request to DOD to get their aid and support. The DOD has its personnel physically in the DOS operations center to manage overflight requests for DOD aircraft using airspace of other countries. Tracking these requests would be of particular interest to those investigating all actions by US Government personnel before, during, and after the killing of Ambassador Stevens.

Details on actions suggested for those members serving the Department of Justice investigating this case: [redacted]

Witnesses which could be valuable to interview:



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A top/key witness should be the Executive Director of DOS/SS this person controls all personnel hired to work within the staff of the Secretariat. This person controls all funds for use by the Secretariat and staff working in the Secretary's office. This person is responsible for all property management to include equipment purchases and the IT personnel working for them. This person supports the Operations Center and can provide access to all the names of those operating in the OpsCenter and the task forces they support. These are formed to deal with a great number serious situations worldwide. The OpsCenter includes staffing directly working in that facility from other USG agencies and maintains and serves as official keeper of all documents from all the task forces, such their logs and reports to include the exact date/time of all notification and calls made to all personnel to include Secretary and her immediate staff this includes all instructions and contacts with all senior DOS officials and their duty officers. Each Regional and Functional bureau within DOS has a duty officer as well as all embassies and consulates around the world. The DOS ops center also has direct instant 24/7 contact with DOD/CIA/NSA and the White House. Detailed logs are maintained by each. Critical to interviewing this Executive Director is acquire the names and times of duty of all personnel in the ops center during such events as the entire period of the killing of Ambassador Chris Stevens crisis and verifying that the FBI has a complete record of all drafts of documents since some officials may have a personal interest in concealing whether the now-official record accurately contains the complete truth of what happened describing the actions/ roles of all key players both known and unknown. Drafts sent back and forth during the policy or public affairs approval process will give you much insight into who knew what when. 
 in the past and know how it is supposed to be done and what actually happens. There specific procedures and fill in the blank formats for all kinds requests that must be followed. 


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There will be a large number Special Security Officers (SSOs) which should be interviewed such as:

- 1) All SSOs who brought TS/SCI material to Office of the Secretary with special emphasis on those present when Secretary Clinton was briefed on material they brought.
- A) Describe procedure followed and when or if copies were made by/in the seventh floor office supporting Secretary. Normally no copies are permitted. But if they were: How were subsequent copies numbered to track who had access to them. Required is a written record. Must verify clearance of persons seeing or having access to these documents. Some special clearances have vastly more stringent rules.
- B) SSOs will have come from various USG agencies to provide briefings to only people specifically authorized by those agencies to see/read particular TS/SCI documents. They are to maintain records of the names of individuals allowed to see individual

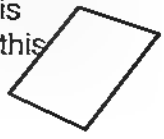


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documents. Most TS/SCI documents will indicate if they are controlled by the original classifier of the information in that document. Only the agency as the originator the information in the document may lower the classification of the information in the document. These documents will be marked showing ORCON (Originator Controlled) meaning if another agency wants to share that information with a person or organization not having the level of clearance they must obtain the authority of the original classification authority of that information. Only the originator may lower the classification of ORCAN material. This is also used to determine who has the need to know if the originator has put other limiting criteria. The Secretary and anyone working for/with her who does not have the authority to permit anyone without that specific clearance to have access and must get written initials of those correctly authorized who are shown the document. Meeting notes must indicate the specific presence of all individuals present when the information of certain TS/SCI is discussed. This should be initialed by the individuals if done properly. NOTE: I am providing this information using only my memory and FBI agents should verify from the SSO of the DOS, DOD, CIA, NSA, NRO et al exactly the written text of all their procedures and verify that these complied with Federal Security regulations for the dates covering times period in effect when violations may have occurred. What is being looked for in this investigation should focus on deliberate acts by individuals not complying with the very specific requirements of protection of classified National Security information. Example it would take a deliberate act for a person to move classified TS/SCI information from a document or electronic device onto a device which does not have the capability to fully protect the TS/SCI information being transferred to it. A person could send TS/SCI information using an optical reader/scanner after modifying a TS/SCI document by making a copy after having deleted all the classifications from each paragraph and from the pages of the documents. This would require an enormous effort to do this regularly but is quite easy to achieve and does not require any particular skill or lengthy training. The person doing this would have to have access to the machines in the Department or at an offsite. The devices capable of doing this are to only used in properly designated areas cleared responsible for the SSO program.

C) Account for all TS/SCI brought out of DOS buildings not being carried by someone not designated as a SSO. Were any people being allowed to serve as non-pro couriers carrying TS/SCI documents brought out of DOS secure facilities? Were any TS/SCI allowed to travel with the Secretary overseas? What individuals controlled them and get statements from each individual stating how they were protected throughout time outside of DOS secure facility. This should include exactly how they were stored when not being actively used. Was there any time when these documents or devices used to transmit this level of information were not under armed guard such as Marine Security Guard or DS agent? Every time the Secretary travels to an overseas location this is mandatory. Marine Security Guards are to be present at all US embassies where TS/SCI documents or devices are present. When the Secretary travels to a foreign location ,the USMC sends trained Marine Security Guards (MSGs) to provide this service which is mandatory. The Diplomatic Security officers of DOS supervise this activity.



2) The SSO within each agency to include the DOS keeps on file all personnel granted TS/SCI clearances. These files include the documents signed by the individual being "read-on" for a particular clearance. This shows exactly what are the requirements for a particular level of clearance and what must be done to protect the documents to ensure no one is allowed access and how the tracking is maintained for these particular categories. These files will include the written acknowledgement by each individual that they have been briefed on the requirements and their personal responsibilities. FBI agents investigating this case should



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A) Obtain testimonies from each person that has a TS/SCI clearance that works for Secretary's Office and travel team and at her home and other offices or sites having access to the private servers being used or receiving the emails of Hilary Clinton while she served as Secretary of State.

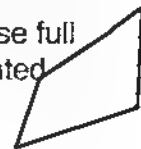
B) Verify the names of all people allowed to travel with the Secretary, who may have been present when TS/SCI documents were not concealed from view by proper cover sheets or properly stored. One should verify the level of security clearance of each such person in the travel party.

3) All Department of State DS agents should be interviewed if they were on the Secretary's detail during the time period covered by her service in particular if there was a TS/SCI document or device present outside of the Main State Seventh floor offices, especially within or outside hotels or private residences within the United States or overseas. DS agents, in addition to providing physical security to the Secretary, are charged with protecting National Security Information. They should be questioned on their observations of the protection of TS/SCI in their presence. They are outstanding men and women for whom I have the greatest respect as I served with them in many dangerous and difficult locations and have been

They are extremely loyal, courageous and believe very much in the motto of Serve and Protect which belongs to all in the special fraternity of choosing law enforcement as a way of life. They took a personal Oath to the Constitution of the United States of America. Sadly some few among them may need need to be reminded of that Oath when questioned by the FBI. While doing so might insult many, all are professionals and are knowledgeable of how some bosses will attempt to take advantage of their characteristic of loyalty. Such bosses do exist in the Department of State, and I have been involved in their removal or personally witnessed some being protected by others high within my organization. This is infrequently a part of operating within human society, and one must choose when it is important to America, as a whole, for one to come forward. Hopefully the FBI agents in this case will find witnesses who agree that this situation is so serious that these witnesses will volunteer more information to expand your knowledge

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As the FBI agents investigate this case, they may occasionally find people whose full loyalty is not to the Constitution but instead leans more toward politically appointed officials.



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All members of DOJ took the same oath that I did. Our Country can only continue to survive as the great Nation it is, if we live that Oath, even when doing so may damage us individually or our family's welfare. Real courage is shown when no one is looking and no other person may be aware of how an individual's action or lack of action may help or damage our society. As one who has [redacted]

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Those awards recognized my actions when I had little or no time for thought. They really belong to those who raised or trained me and to others with me during some really tough moments. Real personal courage is required of those with the time to think of the implications of their personal decisions to their careers and families.

It takes living through this experience to understand what I describe above. [redacted] a top ambassador, removed for his criminal acts even though I had been made aware before [redacted] that this ambassador had written a terrible efficiency report on [redacted] who reported other illegal activities by this Ambassador. In the earlier case, an official inspection team had been sent to the Embassy to investigate following [redacted] allegations and chose to write a "white wash" report of that situation. [redacted]

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[redacted] He wrote he did not have to comply with the DOS regulations, since the President directly put him in charge of this embassy. [redacted]

[redacted] arranged the sending of another inspection team; this time led by a senior inspector, who had twice served as ambassador and was known for his high personal integrity.

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OP-ED: Creating a WIN-WIN for America Out of the Shutdown,

The continued political struggle between the Republican and Democratic parties damages the Strength of America, and the viciousness of this fight with one party seeking the total capitulation of the other party, is tearing apart the fabric of our culture. The ugliness of denying death benefits to our heroes' families is disgusting as is closing or denying access to the memorials to remember and honor our World War II and Vietnam veterans on the Mall and at the battlefield cemeteries. We have heard that instructions from the administration were to make this shutdown hurt. We just watched on television the Senate Majority Leader counsel the Mayor of Washington, D.C. not to mess this things up when the mayor tried to urge Senator Harry Reid to pass a house bill to fund the District Of Columbia.

All but the most partisan Americans were encouraged with President Obama's early statements of Hope, Change, Transparency, and his promising to end the ugliness of politics in Washington. At that moment we urgently needed a restoration of our economy and jobs; however, the Democratic Party, holding all the cards of power, decided to push passage of other agendas. They made no compromises and jammed through their bills without any other party support, and their Speaker of the House told the members of House to pass a bill and then read what was in it. Most Democrats have marched in lockstep complying with the instructions from their leaders. The American people were not happy with this situation and rebelled against both the Democratic and Republican parties. The 2010 election brought out many people who had never voted before and significant changes happened in the House. Since the 2010 election the political situation has become much worse with the Senate Majority leader essentially blocking nearly all bills passed by the House. All this political maneuvering has been driven by the upcoming 2014 election.

The Senate Majority Leader has made the voter's task in 2014 extremely difficult by denying the members of the Senate the opportunity to vote on the key bills passed by the House. Last night on CNN's Crossfire a Democratic Senator described the actions of the Senate Majority Leader by denying these votes as simply a parliamentary procedure and then this Senator decries the Speaker's use the same parliamentary process to block a vote on the continuing resolution by calling the Speaker's action as "Holding hostages." However to this voter, there is no difference, since the Senate Majority Leader is holding hostage the American voter's right to know how his or her Senator would vote on the key issues affecting Our Country. It is time to end both "hostage" dramas.

Americans want this destructive shutdown ended in what could be a WIN-WIN for America. We, the People, are those under the Constitution who are supposed to be in power. We want to be informed as to where each candidate running for the election in 2014 stands on the issues key to us.

Therefore to achieve this, the President, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker, and the members of the Senate and House of Representatives should sign a deal to end the Shutdown. Deal includes:

- The Senator Majority Leader will bring to an unamended vote on the bills, which have been passed by the House within this session of Congress; all Senators will agree to vote only yea or nay on each vote.
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- The President will publicly agree to join the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House by formally accepting this proposal. The President will agree to accept the results of all these votes and will not veto those bills passed in this deal to resolve this Government shutdown.
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- After the Senate Majority Leader completes the votes on the House bills and the President signs those bills that pass the Senate, the Speaker of the House will bring to a vote an unamended "clean" bill on the Continuing Resolution.

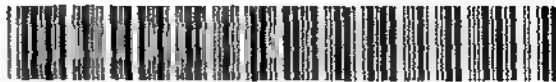
This deal will take time to implement; therefore, the deal might include a short term extension on the Debt Limit Ceiling and short "clean" Continuing Resolution. All of the actions should be completed by Thanksgiving or all parties to this deal agree to stay in Washington with no breaks until Martin Luther King's birthday. He would proud of us if we are successful in restoring amity to the political process.

As one who votes but has never belonged to any political party, I served Our Country for over forty years as an infantry, ranger and special forces officer and as a foreign service officer. My only interest in this issue is keeping the United States of America strong both economically and in terms of national security. This shutdown hurts a strong America.

Please write, call, blog and take any legal effort to convince the President, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Members of Congress to sign on to this deal. If current members of Congress fail to reach this deal, then for the 2014 election, we should consider a clean slate of candidates from any party, because they could do not worse than the members we have now.

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as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is to lead to the conviction of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The House Committee investigating the situation on September 11, 2011. She told the committee and had people that the information in her emails and on her email time it was put into her email system. After watching on going to the American potential voters that that the her email system was only to be determined to be it been placed in her private email system, I carefully Congressional Committee. I watched her tell the lie in her

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Submit 1A

Date: 01/12/2016

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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PRESPRO (X//~~NO~~) MIDYEAR EXAM;
MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) To submit to the file a 1A associated with the referenced serial.

~~Reason: 1.4(c)
Derived From: FBI NSIC,
dated 20120629
Declassify On: 20411231~~

Reference: [REDACTED] PRESPRO Serial 49

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) LHM sent to DoS on 1/12/2016

Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) This communication submits to the file a 1A associated with Serial 49 of the captioned case and subfile.

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Created From: [REDACTED] PRESPRO
Serial 50
Package: 1A37
Stored Location: None
Summary: (U) ~~(S//NF)~~ LHM sent to DoS
Acquired By: [REDACTED]
Acquired On: 2016-01-11
Attachment: (U//~~FOUO~~) LHM sent to
DoS on 1/12/2016

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Date: 01/20/2016

Title: (U//FOUO) Declination of Bryan M. Pagliano

Approved By:



Drafted By:



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Case ID #:



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Import Form

Form Type: OTHER

Date: 11/17/2016

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Search Warrant

Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Search Warrant and application for 16 MAG 7063,
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

~~Reason: 1.4(b)
Derived From: FBI
NSISC-20090615
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Import Form

Form Type: OTHER

Date: 11/21/2016

Title: (U//FOUO) Letter from Williams and Connolly dated 11/17/2016

Approved By: A/SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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Synopsis: (U//FOUO) To submit to file a letter from Williams and Connolly dated 11/17/2016.

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Derived From: National
Security Information SCG
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Review of Laptop seized via
search and seizure warrant

Date: 11/21/2016

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Documents analysis of a laptop computer seized via
Search and Seizure Warrant (Case No. 16MAG7063).

~~Reason: 1.4(b)
Derived From: FBI
NSISC-20090615
Declassify On: 20411231~~

Full Investigation Initiated: 07/10/2015

Reference: [REDACTED] Serial 186

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Review of Laptop seized via search and seizure warrant
Re: [redacted] 11/21/2016

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need to be approved by the Assistant Director of Counterintelligence
Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Evidence Return of 1B74

Date: 12/15/2016

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) On 12/14/2016, WFO returned evidence item 1B74 to a legal representative of the owner.

~~Reason: 1.4(b)~~

~~Derived From: FBI~~

~~NSISC-20090615~~

~~Declassify On: 20411231~~

Full Investigation Initiated: 07/10/2015

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) FD-1004
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) FD597

Details:

On 12/14/2016, WFO returned evidence item 1B74 to a legal representative of the owner. WFO/CI-13 requests WFO ECC have Sentinel reflect the correct evidence disposition. The appropriate documents are attached.

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Title: {U//FOUO} Evidence Return of 1B74

Re: [Redacted], 12/15/2016

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Date and Time: 4/26/2016 2:44P	
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Receipt for Property**

Case ID: _____

On (date) 12/14/2016

item (s) listed below were:

- ☐ Collected/Seized
☐ Received From
☒ Returned To
☐ Released To

(Name) _____

(Street Address) 725 Twelfth Street N.W.

(City) Washington, DC 20005

Description of Item (s):

One (1) iPad Mini bearing serial number

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Received By: _____

(Signature)

Printed Name/Title:

Katherine Turner
Partner, Williams & Connolly
LLP

Received From: _____

Printed Name/Title:

Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 02/10/2017

On 09 February 2017 at approximately 2:00 pm, SA [redacted]
transported and delivered [redacted]
[redacted] from
FBI Washington Field Office to [redacted] at the Operational Technology
Division (OTD) facility in Quantico, Virginia.

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Investigation on 02/09/2017 at Quantico, Virginia, United States (in Person)

File #

Date drafted 02/10/2017

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Receipt for Property**

Case ID: NIA

On (date) 2/9/17

item (s) listed below were:

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☐ Received From
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☒ Released To

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[Redacted Name]

OTD/CART

(Street Address)

(City)

Description of Item (s):

[Redacted Description]

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Received By:

[Redacted Signature]

Printed Name/Title:

CART/TB

Received From:

[Redacted Signature]

Printed Name/Title:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Request to transfer evidence
from FBI NY case.

Date: 02/22/2017

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) This communication requests FBI WFO ECC transfer
evidence from an FBI NY case to the captioned investigation.

~~Reason: 1.4(b)~~

~~Derived From: FBI~~

~~NSISC-20090615~~

~~Declassify On: 20421231~~

Full Investigation Initiated: 07/10/2015

Details:

Through coordination with FBI NY field office, FBI WFO CI-13 requests
WFO ECC transfer evidence item 1B5 from [REDACTED] to the
captioned case [REDACTED]. Pursuant to a request from CI-13, FBI
NY ECC has administratively transferred the item in Sentinel.

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Import Form

Form Type: DEL REX

Date: 03/20/2017

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) OTD Digital Evidence Laboratory Report

Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

~~(S//NF)~~ MIDYEAR EXAM;
MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) OTD Digital Evidence Laboratory Report

~~Reason: 1.4(b)
Derived From: FBI NSISC-
20090615
Declassify On: 20421231~~

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U ~~(S//NF)~~ The captioned investigation is highly sensitive and considered a prohibited investigation. Additionally, the investigation is designated a SIM and has an exemption for uploading approved by AD Randall Coleman [REDACTED] Serial 1).

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Non-Disclosure Agreements

Date: 03/21/2017

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ MIDYEAR EXAM;
MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Submits to file Non-Disclosure Agreements.

Reason: 1.4(b)

Derived From: FBI NSISC-
20090615

Declassify On: 20421231

Full Investigation Initiated: 07/10/2015

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) NDAs

Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) This communication submits to the file the Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) signed by case participants. The NDAs are attached to this communication as a 1A.

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Created From:

Serial 193

Package:

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Stored Location:

None

Summary:

(U//~~FOUO~~) NDAs

Acquired By:

Acquired On:

2017-03-20

Attachment:

(U//~~FOUO~~) NDAs

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Import Form

Form Type: EMAIL

Date: 04/11/2017

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Email to [Redacted]

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Approved By: SSA [Redacted]

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Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: [Redacted]

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~~(S//NF)~~ MIDYEAR EXAM;
MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Email documenting the shipment of a hard drive to Arlo Devlin-Brown, Covington and Burling, LLP (attached as 1A)

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) Copy of email, receipt for property, and FedEx tracking number

~~Reason: 1.4(c)~~

~~Derived From: FBI NSISC-
20090615~~

~~Declassify On: 20421231~~

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Physical 1A/1C Cover Sheet for Serial Export

Created From:

Serial 194

Package:

1A63

Stored Location:

None

Summary:

(U//~~FOUO~~) Copy of email,
receipt for property,
and FedEx tracking
number.

Acquired By:

Acquired On:

2017-04-11

Attachment:

(U//~~FOUO~~) Copy of email,
receipt for property,
and FedEx tracking
number

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

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Title: ~~(S//NF)~~ Document Storage of ~~TOP SECRET~~
~~//SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM~~ Evidence

Date: 04/19/2017

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ MIDYEAR EXAM;
MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

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Synopsis: ~~(S//NF)~~ To document the storage of ~~TOP SECRET//SPECIAL~~
~~ACCESS PROGRAM~~ evidence.

Reason: 1.4(b)

Derived From: FBI NSISC-
20090615

Declassify On: 20421231

Full Investigation Initiated: 07/10/2015

Details:

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Evidence items 1B75, 1B76, 1B77, and 1B78 contain information classified at the ~~TOP SECRET//SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM~~ level and can only be handled by individuals read on to the programs. As a result, the items identified above are stored with CI-13 in a safe located in the limited access [REDACTED] room. This communication documents the location and requests IS-4 update the evidence logs with this information and remove their charge out status.

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Title: ~~(S//NF)~~ Document Storage of ~~TOP SECRET//SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM~~
Evidence

Re: [Redacted] 04/19/2017

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[REDACTED] Serial 196

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Electronic Communication

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Title: ~~(S//NF)~~ Document Storage of ~~TOP SECRET~~
~~//SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM~~ Evidence

Date: 04/20/2017

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

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Synopsis: ~~(S//NF)~~ To document the storage of ~~TOP SECRET//SPECIAL~~
~~ACCESS PROGRAM~~ evidence.

~~Reason: 1.4(b)~~
~~Derived From: FBI NSISC-~~
~~20090615~~
~~Declassify On: 20421231~~

Full Investigation Initiated: 07/10/2015

Details:

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Evidence item 1B79 contains information classified at the
~~TOP SECRET//SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM~~ level and can only be handled by
individuals read on to the programs. As a result, 1B79 is stored with
CI-13 in safe [REDACTED] located in the limited access [REDACTED]
room. This communication documents the location and requests IS-4
update the evidence log with this information and remove 1B79's charge
out status.

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Serial 196

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Title: ~~(S//NF)~~ Document Storage of ~~TOP SECRET//SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM~~
Evidence

Re: [Redacted] 04/20/2017

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[REDACTED] Serial 197

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Receipt for Property

Date: 06/16/2017

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ MIDYEAR EXAM;
MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U) Receipt for Property

~~Reason: 1.4(c)
Derived From: FBI NSIC
dated 20120629
Declassify On: 20421231~~

Full Investigation Initiated: 07/10/2015

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) FD 597

Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 6/15/2017 writer gave one (1) CD prepared by the Operational Technology Division (OTD) which was the final delivery of emails to the State Department, [REDACTED]

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(U) The FD-597 is attached as a 1A package.

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Title: (U) Receipt for Property

Re:  06/16/2017

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Receipt for Property

Case ID

[Redacted Case ID]

On (date) 6/15/17

item(s) listed below were:

- ☐ Collected/Seized
☐ Received From
☐ Returned To
☒ Released To

(Name)

[Redacted Name]

(Street Address)

S 15 22nd St NW

(City)

Washington DC

Description of Item(s):

CD prepared by OTD : final delivery of emails for
State Department

Received By

Printed Name

[Redacted Signature]

Received From:

Printed Name/Title

[Redacted Signature]

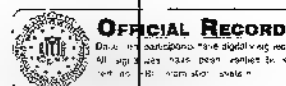
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Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Submit 1A

Date: 01/12/2016

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

302 ~~(U//NF)~~ MIDYEAR EXAM;
MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) To submit to the file a 1A associated with the referenced serial.

~~Reason: 1.4(c)
Derived From: FBI NSIC,
dated 20120629
Declassify On: 20411231~~

Reference: [REDACTED] 302 Serial 45

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) Interview Notes from 12/31/2015

Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) This communication submits to the file a 1A associated with Serial 45 of the captioned case and subfile.

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Created From: [REDACTED] 302
Serial 46
Package: 1A39
Stored Location: None
Summary: (U//~~FOUO~~) Interview
notes
Acquired By: [REDACTED]
Acquired On: 2015-12-31
Attachment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Interview
Notes from 12/31/2015

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Submit 1A

Date: 02/12/2016

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

WF-CI13

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

(U) 302 ~~(S//NF)~~ MIDYEAR EXAM;
MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT OR COUNTRY;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) To submit to the file a 1A associated with the referenced serial.

~~Reason: 1.4(c)~~

~~Derived From: FBI NSIC,
dated 20120629~~

~~Declassify On: 20411231~~

Reference: [REDACTED] 302 Serial 45

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. ~~(S//NF)~~ [REDACTED] emails (hard copy)

Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) This communication submits to the file a 1A associated with Serial 58 of the captioned case and subfile.

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Created From:

[REDACTED] 302

Serial 51

Package:

1A44

Stored Location:

None

Summary:

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Stack of
[REDACTED] emails
(hard copy)

Acquired By:

[REDACTED]

Acquired On:

2016-01-28

Attachment:

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [REDACTED]
emails (hard copy)

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